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SUBJECT: SADAT AMNESTIES POLITICAL PRISONERS

1 PRESIDENT SADAT JULY 6 ISSUED REPUBLIC DECREE GRANTING GENERAL AMNESTY TO ALL THOSE SENTENCED FOR POLITICAL CRIMES BEFORE MAY 15, 1971. (PRESS HAD REPORTED JUNE 30 THAT MIN JUSTICE HAD PREPARED SUCH DRAFT DECREE FOR SUBMISSION TO CABINET JULY 1.) DECREE WILL REPORTEDLY AFFECT APPROXIMATELY 2000 PERSONS, INCLUDING THOSE SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA, THOSE PREVIOUSLY IMPRISONED AND NOW UNDER STRICT "SECURITY SUPERVISION" AND THOSE STILL IMPRISONED. DECREE ALSO ABOLISHES ANY FINES STILL UNPAID UNDER PREVIOUS SENTENCES FOR POLITICAL CRIMES. AMNESTIED INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE MEMBERS OF MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD, COMMUNIST PARTY AND AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND "PARTICIPANTS IN CONSPIRACIES TO OVERTHROW THE REGIME"; DECREE DOES NOT RPT NO COVER THOSE CONVICTED OF SPYING, MURDER, ARSON OR TORTURE.

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2.EXPLANATORY NOTE APPENDED TO DECREE RECALLS THAT FOUR  
YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE MAY 1971 CORRECTIVE REVOLUTION.  
REVOLUTION IS ON CORRECT COURSE, STABILITY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED  
AND IT IS NOW TIME TO ALLOW THOSE COVERED BY AMNESTY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN RECONSTRUCTION AND PRODUCTION EFFORTS.

3. COMMENT: DECREE DOES NOT RPT NOT AFFECT FORMER VP  
ALI SABRI AND CO-CONSPIRATORS WHO WERE ARRESTED MAY 13, 1971  
ON CHARGES OF PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW SADAT. MIN JUSTICE HAS  
NOTED IN PRESS INTERVIEW THAT ALL COURT DECISIONS ON THESE  
CONSPIRATORS WERE HANDED DOWN AFTER MAY 15, 1971 DECREE'S  
CUT-OFF DATE.

4. AMNESTY IS MOST IMPORTANT OF SEVERAL RECENT DE-NASSERIZATION  
MOVES TAKEN BY GOE. AIRGRAM DESCRIBING OTHERS FOLLOWS.  
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